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FUSION PROTEINS OF MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to fusion proteins containing at least two *Mycobacterium* species antigens. In particular, it relates to nucleic acids encoding fusion proteins that include two or more individual *M. tuberculosis* antigens, which increase serological sensitivity of sera from individuals infected with tuberculosis, and methods for their use in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of tuberculosis infection.

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